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SUBJECT: MINISTERS TRAVEL TO VIENG SAY

1. THE MORE IMPORTANT OF THE REMAINING "VIENTIANE SIDE" MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION CABINET LEFT FOR VIENG SAY (SAM NEUA) TH MORNING OF NOVEMBER 24. THE GROUP WICH CONSISTED OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND EDUCATION MINISTER LEUAM INSISIENGMAI, DEFENSE MINISTER PHENG PHONGSAVAN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR RELIGION SOUKAN VILAYSARN, AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOUBY LYFONG, IS OSTENSIBLY TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST JNPC MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS. THE "VIENTIANE SIDE" OFFICIALS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY SINGKAPO SIKHOTCHOUNAMALY, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNISTS IN THE CABINET REMAIN IN VIENTIANE.

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2. COMMENT: PESUMABLY ALL OF THE JNPC WILL BE GOING TO

VIENG SAY FOR THE MEETING. WE NOTE THAT THE DEVICE OF A
JNPC MEETING WAS USED TO GET PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA
OUT OF VIENTIANE FOR THE OCTOBER 12 CELEBRATIONS AND WONDER IF IT
COULD PERHAPS BE BEING USED THIS TIME TO GIVE THE
FOUR GENTLEMEN MENTIONED ABOVE AND THE "VIENTIANE SIDE"
MEMBERS OF THE JNPC A PROLONGED DOSE OF "RE-EDUCATION." IT
IS POSSIBLE TOO THAT THE COMMUNISTS WILL USE THE JNPC MEETING
IN "HISTORIC" VIENG SAY TO RATIFY A MORE OSTENSIBLY COMMUNIST
PROGRAM FOR LAOS.
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